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SUBJ: COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTI-NATIONAL ENTERPRISES (CIME)-MEETING APRIL 29-30.

1. PLEASE REQUEST OECD SECRETARIAT TO DRAFT AGENDA FOR APRIL CIME MEETING SO THAT NATIONAL TREATMENT AND INVESTMENT INCENTIVES/DISINCENTIVES ARE TAKEN BEFORE MULTI-NATIONAL ENTERPRISE (MNE) GUIDELINES. THIS ORDERING IS BOTH NECESSARY AND LOGICAL BECAUSE MARCH CIME SPENT 2 1/2 OF ITS 3 DAYS ON MNC GUIDELINES GIVING INADEQUATE TIME FOR FULL CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL TREATMENT AND INVESTMENT INCENTIVES/DISINCENTIVES INSTRUMENTS. LATTER TWO INSTRUMENTS REQUIRE MORE THOROUGH CONSIDERATION AT APRIL MEETING BEFORE CIME TURNS TO REMAINING TWO ISSUES REGARDING MNE GUIDELINES.

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2. FYI. IN TERMS OF U.S. NEGOTIATING STRATEGY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DETERMINE WHAT CAN BE WORKED OUT ON NATIONAL TREATMENT AND INVESTMENT INCENTIVES/DISINCENTIVES INSTRUMENTS BEFORE WE CAN JUDGE WHAT FLEXIBILITY WE CAN REASONABLY EXERCISE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE REMAINING TWO ISSUES IN MNE GUIDELINES. THEREFORE, TAKING UP MNE GUIDELINES FIRST WOULD, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, REQUIRE US TO STAND PAT ON POSITIONS WE HAVE TAKEN TO DATE. DEPENDING

ON STRENGTH OF POSITION TAKEN BY OTHERS, THIS ORDER OF BUSINESS CAN THEREFORE SET TONE FOR AN UNPRODUCTIVE MEETING. END FYI.

3. PLEASE REPORT ASAP IS SECRETARIAT OPPOSES THIS POSITION ON AGENDA FOR APRIL CIME. KISSINGER

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